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SUBJECT: JORDAN: PETROLEUM RE-EXPORT DEMARCHE DELIVERED

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[1](#)1. (s) DCM met Jordanian Energy Minister Mohammed Bataineh July 7 to deliver reftel demarche points. Bataineh was clearly disappointed, but noted that the GOJ would look to other methods to solve their summer refining problems. For the current year this would mean continuing to import gasoline for local consumption from Iraq under the long-standing oil and trade protocols. For the future, Bataineh said the GOJ would look again at increasing storage capacity for fuel oil and gas oil, a project he estimated would take one year and \$45-50 million to complete.
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